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Johanna Zetterberg submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

eComment: Johanna Zetterberg, Montecito Heights Santa Rosa needs guidelines to regulate short term rentals without delay. These are dangerous and disruptive hotels allowed to operate in residential neighborhoods without the consent or input of neighbors. The health, safety and livability issues my neighborhood is experiencing as a result of vacation rentals include: illegal and reckless driving on our roads threatening children, pets, joggers, walkers, and bikers; excessive trash and sanitation issues; and increased Covid 19 risk from transients from outside our community gathering in large numbers and not observing our local health ordinances. These behaviors have been frequently observed and documented by my neighbors. The longer vacation rentals go unregulated in Santa Rosa, the longer our community is unnecessarily exposed to these and other risks. My requests to the City Council are to immediately: - Become educated on what problems vacation rentals have introduced to other communities, and what actions jurisdictions have taken to regulate short term rentals. - Develop an action plan to address this issue, including 1) a schedule of dates by which the City can commit to key actions toward regulating short term rentals, and 2) specific opportunities for Santa Rosa city residents to provide input on policy options, draft guidelines and other milestones in the decision-making process. - Take steps to align short term rental activity with the established health, safety and livability values and aspirations held by the City and reflected in guidance documents such as the Santa Rosa General Plan. Beyond the urgent action needed of establishing regulations, I encourage the City Council to explore mechanisms to 1) fund enforcement of regulations put in place, and 2) enable greater transparency and tracking of actionable information related to short term rentals such as listing locations, ownership type, and violation history. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Johanna

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Dear Santa Rosa City Council,

First order of business, let me state that we are vacation home owners (not in the U.S but in Italy). We understand the reality that folks from one area are coming to another area. My family of 5 (Roberto, Lisa, Giada, Franco & Rocco) request that the City Council address rules and regulations regarding short term rentals in our neighborhood, promptly!

The short-term rental businesses (e.g. VRBO, Airbnb, VACASA etc.) are popping-up in our neighborhood . These houses are being purchased by LARGE corporations without concern about our neighbors or zoning. The owners are not on-site. They have no idea what day-to-day life looks like.

Our home is located at 2314 Sunrise Ave., it is at the intersection of 3 stop signs. It seems like the stop signs are only "suggestions". We have three young children who like to ride their bikes and go on walks, especially NOW more than ever since the must do SCHOOL AT HOME!!

We saved our money, worked very hard to purchase a safer, quieter neighborhood! We did not move here to live near mini-motels.

We have become aware of 5 known short term rentals in the Montecito area, with more possibly on the way! The nearest rental to us is 2611 Sunrise Ave., with 11 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms. This means many visitors on our roads that do not obey the road signs or speed limits.

There is a VERY large concern amongst us all here about corporate owned Airbnb's and other that are in the Proctor/Montecito Heights neighborhood. There is NO need to infiltrate small "motels" into our neighborhood.

We ask that the City Council should establish a formal policy protecting residential neighborhoods in Santa Rosa!

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bellavia